

# Medicaid Schools

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- **Increased Medicaid Rates for Some IEP Services**
- **ISHN Conference offers sessions on school health & school-based Medicaid**

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**Learning Connection:**  
[IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community](#) - your online connection to School-based Medicaid Announcements, Files & Bookmarks, Forum Discussions and an Events Calendar.

## **School Medicaid Participation Increasing**

Indiana Medicaid's latest report of IEP services reimbursements shows there are 138 participating school corporations, which includes charter and state-operated schools, as of April 30, 2014. This total increased from the 126 districts voluntarily participating in Medicaid claiming for covered IEP services as of the half-way point (December 31, 2013) in the current State fiscal year. In the first six months of SFY14, Medicaid reimbursements to those 126 participating school corporations totaled over \$1.9 million.

Since its October 2011 inception, participation in Indiana school-based Medicaid Administrative Claiming ("IndianaMAC") grew from 74 to 100 entities in the April-June 2014 quarter. In the past nine calendar quarters, voluntarily participating public school corporations have recovered 8.14

million in unrestricted federal funds for local costs associated with staff time spent on administrative activities that help students access health care and health care coverage.

For a breakdown of reimbursements per district over the past several fiscal years, see the School Corp Medicaid Reimbursements Report under General Information at the School-based Medicaid web page <http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/school-based-medicaid> on Indiana Department of Education's public web site. Following the Medicaid reimbursements for covered IEP-required direct medical services (Pages 1-10 of this report), there are two pages showing the amounts claimed over time by each of the IndianaMAC-participating schools.

## **2014 Regional Seminar Materials Online**

Attendance was up at this year's regional seminar on School-based Medicaid Claiming. Every few years IDOE staff offer an information and networking opportunity for schools interested or involved in federal funds recovery through Medicaid claiming for school-based services. In April 2014, school districts in Sellersburg, Elkhart and Indianapolis hosted half-day regional meetings that

included a walk through of the Medicaid provider enrollment process required for all school corporations, tips for improving school staff responses to IndianaMAC random moment time study surveys and a game show-style general overview of school-based Medicaid claiming in Indiana; view copies under Presentations at [IDOE's School-based Medicaid web page](#).

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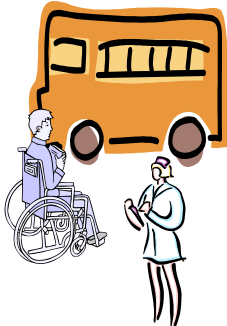
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### **Did you know?**

- The Medicaid in Schools Community on Learning Connection has a folder of Files and Bookmarks for School Business Officers
- National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) offers a scholarship to attend its fall conference - details and the 2014 scholarship application will be available in June: [www.medicaidforeducation.org](http://www.medicaidforeducation.org)



2014 increases in Indiana Medicaid reimbursement rates for covered IEP services



## Indiana Medicaid Rate Changes for Covered IEP Services

Beginning in early 2014, the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning implemented billing code and reimbursement rate changes for several types of covered IEP services commonly billed by Medicaid-participating school corporations. Thanks to recently updated national standardized procedure codes, there are now three different code options to bill speech evaluations. Depending on the type of speech evaluation performed, Indiana Medicaid's maximum reimbursement rates for this type of service currently range from \$69.95 to \$144.96. Additionally, effective January 1, 2014, Indiana Medicaid stopped applying an automatic 5% reduction (in effect since July 1, 2011) to all reimbursements for services provided by speech therapists and audiologists.

Effective with dates of service on and after January 1, 2014, Indiana Medicaid changed the

billing codes and reimbursement rates for Diabetes Self Management Training (DSMT). When a school corporation bills Medicaid for IEP-required DSMT provided by a licensed Registered Nurse, the maximum Medicaid payment amount is now \$22.50 for every 15 minutes of service.

Reimbursement rates also increased for IEP-required specialized transportation (on a day when the student receives another Medicaid-covered IEP service in the school setting). Medicaid transportation service rates now range from \$1.25 per mile (for mileage over 10 miles) to \$20 per trip for non-ambulatory services.

Reimbursement for all Medicaid-covered services is the lesser of the charge submitted on the claim or the Medicaid-allowable rate. Federal law requires Medicaid to be the payer of last resort, and any other available resource, such as private insurance coverage, must be billed

before Medicaid. To find more on Indiana Medicaid's claiming requirements for covered IEP services see the Medicaid Billing Tool Kit at IDOE's School-based Medicaid page: <http://www.doe.in.gov/specialized/school-based-medicaid>.

For a list of Indiana Medicaid reimbursement rates for commonly billed IEP services (e.g., OT, PT, Speech, Psych, Nursing, Audiology and Transportation), visit the Medicaid in Schools Community in Learning Connection [open the School-based Medicaid Resources-Indiana" folder at the Files & Bookmarks tab]. Join this community to get announcements, reference resources, an events calendar, discussion forum and current information regarding both of the federal Medicaid funds recovery opportunities for Indiana public schools: 1) Medicaid administrative claiming (aka "IndianaMAC") and 2) Medicaid medical claiming for IEP-required direct services.

## IN School Health Network Conference June 24-25, 2014

"Healthier Schools: Investing in Indiana's Future" is the theme of the 2014 Indiana School Health Network conference, June 24-25, at the Indianapolis Marriott North. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz is scheduled to give opening remarks; and the status of school-based Medicaid claiming in Indiana is the subject of a breakout session to be presented by IDOE School-based Medicaid Specialist Tracy Brunner and John Hill, Executive Director of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education.

Donna Cohen Ross, Senior Policy Advisor and Director of Enrollment Initiatives for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, will be the conference keynote speaker. Her address will focus on challenges and opportunities for school health under the Affordable Care Act. Ms. Ross will also participate in a panel discussion about successful strategies to help enroll uninsured school-age children in health care coverage.

Other session topics include

Asthma Management and Increasing Physical Activity in Schools, Addressing Teen Dating Violence, and Reducing Absenteeism through School-based Flu Clinics. A preliminary 2014 ISHN Conference program and registration are [online here](http://inschoolhealth.org/).

Can't make it to this year's conference? Visit the Indiana School Health Network online <http://inschoolhealth.org/>, for school health news, fact sheets and updates about promising practices in coordinated school health programs.

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The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to Medicaid-participating public school corporations and charter schools. The Department also offers insight and information to schools interested in Medicaid claiming opportunities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free downloadable handbooks, brochures, form templates, slide presentations, reports, quarterly newsletters, and other resources. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with contact information for IDOE staff who can answer questions and provide additional information about unrestricted federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services and activities.

All are welcome to become members of the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on the Learning Connection. Contact your school corporation's Learning Connection administrator for access.



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### Conference Connections: Medicaid and Special Education

National Alliance for Medicaid in  
Education (NAME) annual conference  
Sept 16-19, 2014  
Niagara Falls, New York  
[medicaidforeducation.org](http://medicaidforeducation.org)

CASE Legislative Leadership Seminar  
July 13-16, 2014  
Alexandria, VA  
<http://www.casecec.org/>

### Across the Nation

Increasingly, schools across the U.S. take advantage of modern technology to connect students with disabilities to related services professionals in remote areas or where there are shortages of qualified personnel to deliver speech-language pathology and mental health therapy services. Ohio and Virginia are two examples of states that use the "telehealth" or "telemedicine" service delivery model to provide needed health services in the school setting. Medicaid agencies in some states now reimburse schools IEP-required telemedicine services.

Interested to learn more about what is happening in other states with respect to school-based telemedicine? This

year's [School-based Health Alliance](#) conference, June 29-July 2, offers multiple sessions on this topic, including:

School-based Telehealth Model—Why it Makes Sense in Rural Settings

Telemedicine in Schools: Best Practices & Lessons Learned

Multi-Disciplinary Behavioral Health Approach via Televideo

Although a preliminary fall conference program is not yet available, watch the [National Alliance for Medicaid in Education](#) web site for additional possibilities to learn about this topic from colleagues in other states.